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TO: Minerals File

FROM: Holland Shepherd, Reclamation Specialist *HOS*

RE: Meeting on Aragonite Interim Surety, Thomas American Stone,
M/045/031, Tooele County, Utah

Date of Meeting: February 14, 1991

Time of Meeting: 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Attendees: Wayne Hedberg, Tom Mitchell, Holland Shepherd, DOGM,
Lon Thomas, Thomas American Stone

The meeting described above was held to discuss Board of Oil, Gas and Mining requirements, regarding the interim bonding and permitting of the Thomas American Stone, Aragonite mine and mill sites. An inspection the previous week had been conducted to estimate the disturbed acreage at both sites as a means of setting an interim bond figure. Those figures were 22.4 acres (14 acres mill site and 8.4 acres mine site). The surety total for this acreage is \$67,200.

Mr. Thomas was informed of these figures at the meeting and asked to have a surety of \$67,200 ready by February 28, 1991, the next Board Hearing date. According to Division interpretation of the Board's desire from the last Hearing, the operator was to have the surety in hand by the next February 28th hearing or face a cessation order.

Mr. Thomas indicated that he would have a great deal of trouble acquiring the money by that date. He also expressed concerns of losing the money, totally, if Mr. Rick White wins the pending ownership lawsuit. We expressed to him the possibility of asking the Board for an extension, but it would not be with our support.

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Discussions were made concerning reducing the site down to a 5 acre or under SMO/NOI through reclamation of no longer needed portions. We stressed that this would take about 3 years to accomplish and the Division would hold any bond during that period.

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cc: Lowell Braxton
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